



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

PTO/SB/29 (10-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0032
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/625,792
Filing Date	July 26, 2000 #17
First Named Inventor	Hartmut Boche
Group Art Unit	3764
Examiner Name	Fenn C. Mathew
Attorney Docket Number	02581-P0316A

RECEIVED
APR 16 2004
OFFICE OF PETITIONS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); interim Rule 65 Red. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on September 19, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103© for
a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall be exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment to
Deposit Account No. 19-4516.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any Fee Deficiency
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

04/14/2004 SZEWDIE1 00000122 194516 09625792
01 FC:1801 770.00 00

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type)	Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr.	Registration No (Attorney/Agent)	33,558
Signature		Date	April 8, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE; Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: April 8, 2004.

Name (Print / Type)	Charlotte E. Hanulik	Date	April 12, 2004
Signature			

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2003**

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision

Complete if Known

Application No.	09/625,792
Filing Date	July 26, 2000
First Named Inventor	Hartmut Boche
Examiner Name	Fenn C. Mathew

☐ Applicant claims small entity status, See 37 CFR 1.27

Art Unit 3764

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 770.00)

Attorney Docket Number 02581-P0316A WWW/SBS

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)
☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money ☐ Other ☐ None
☐ Deposit Account: order
Deposit
Account
Number

Deposit
Account
Name

19-4516

St.Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments
☒ Charge any additional fees(s) during the pendency of this application
☐ Charge fees(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account
FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1101	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	\$770.00
1002	340	2202	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$)	770.00

2. EXTRA CLAIMS FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	14	-20**	X
Independent Claims	3	-3**	X
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1201	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)				(\$)

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity	
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)

1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing for or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	40	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165	Filing brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

RECEIVED
Fee Description

APR 16 2004

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Fee Paid

SUBMITTED BY **St.Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC**

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type) Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr.

Registration No (Attorney/Agent)

33,558

Telephone

203 324-6155

Signature

Date

4/8/2004

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038

This collection of information is required by 37CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering of information, preparing and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORM TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents; P.O. Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 8-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2